

Mike Kaminski

Objective

Accomplished piano educator, performer, curriculum developer, and business owner with more than 20 years of teaching experience. Proven ability to inspire student growth, lead music education initiatives, and build innovative instructional programs that foster creativity, discipline, confidence, and musical excellence.

Education

1998-2002 Highland High School, Gilbert, AZ — Honor student; graduated in the top 2% of class; awarded the President's Scholarship to Arizona State University

2002-2003 Arizona State University — Studied music with coursework in jazz, music theory, and performance

2003-2006 Arizona State University, W. P. Carey School of Business — Bachelor's degree in Accountancy

Educational Achievements

1990-2002 Earned numerous academic achievement awards in English, science, history, spelling, reading, and writing

2006 Awarded a Bachelor's degree in Accountancy from the W. P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University

Teaching/Work Experience

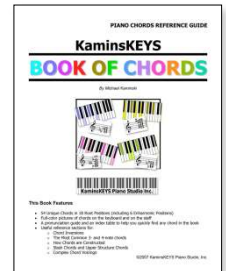
- Served as Accountant for Living Word Bible Church in Mesa, AZ from 2005-2006, supporting financial operations for a large organization serving more than 5,000 members. Developed practical expertise in budgeting, financial analysis, marketing, and evaluating the business impact of financial decisions.
- Piano instructor since 2004 and founder of East Valley School of Music in 2006 (formerly KaminsKEYS Piano Studio). Combined instructional expertise and business leadership to build a successful music education organization focused on student achievement and long-term growth.
- Served as board member and past president of the East Valley Music Teachers Association from 2006-2013; continue active membership and annually enroll students in the Arizona Study Program.
- Created the Piano Power Quest® piano method in 2016, an original curriculum designed to increase student engagement and learning outcomes through imaginative storytelling and structured skill development.
- Since 2021, currently serving as lead pianist and music director at Covenant Life Christian Church in Chandler, AZ, performing for weekly worship services and supporting fellow musicians during rehearsals.

Musical Experience & Achievements

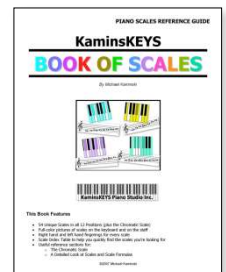
- 1994 Began taking piano lessons
- 1997 Began to learn improvisation and composition
- 1998-2002 Performed and led music weekly at Life of God Worship Center in Mesa, AZ, including featured solos and special performances during church services
- 2000-2001 Served as pianist in the high school jazz band and participated in choir
- 2002-2003 Performed with multiple jazz combos at Arizona State University
- 2002-2006 Performed on keyboards with Rezound, a nationally recognized Christian rock band; recorded on two albums and appeared in venues across the United States as well as internationally in India and Mexico
- 2006-Present Owner, operator, and instructor at East Valley School of Music in Chandler, Arizona
- 2021-Present Lead pianist and musician's director at Covenant Life Christian church in Chandler, AZ

Contributing Works

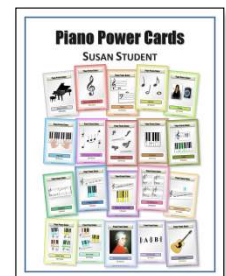
©2007 **KaminsKEYS Book of Chords:** Authored a piano chord reference guide featuring nearly 1,000 chords shown on both the keyboard and staff. Designed to engage students visually while also providing instructional content on chord construction, slash chords, upper-structure chords, and jazz voicings.



©2007 **KaminsKEYS Book of Scales:** Authored a piano scale reference guide featuring nearly 700 scales displayed on both the keyboard and staff, with additional educational material covering scale structure, pitch counts, historical context, and scale formulas.



2008 **Piano Power Cards:** Developed a practice-motivation and music literacy program in which students earn points to collect cards featuring music symbols and terminology. The program reinforces behavior, practice consistency, performance goals, and concept retention through an engaging rewards-based system.



2016 **Piano Power Quest:** Created an original piano curriculum that combines storytelling, visual design, and goal-based learning to motivate students and strengthen musical development. The program is designed for students ages 5 to 12 and supports progression from beginner through intermediate levels.

Professional Memberships

- Music Teachers National Association
- Arizona State Music Teachers Association
- East Valley Music Teachers Association